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## **UTICA SCHOOL BUS DRIVER ARRESTED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES**

United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian, announced today the federal arrest of DAVID MCMURRAY, age 28, a Utica City School District bus driver, for distribution and possession of child pornography.

A criminal complaint charges DAVID MCMURRAY, of Utica, N.Y. with distribution of child pornography in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(2)(A) and possession of child pornography in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(5)(b).

MCMURRAY was arrested yesterday and made his initial appearance before the Hon. Andrew T. Baxter, United States Magistrate Judge. MCMURRAY faces a maximum penalty of 20 years incarceration and a mandatory minimum term of incarceration of 5 years, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a required term of supervised release of 5 years-life. MCMURRAY was remanded into custody pending a detention hearing scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

MCMURRAY'S arrest is the result of Operation Predator, a nationwide initiative of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, (ICE HSI), to protect children from sexual predators, including those who use this Internet to distribute, receive and possess child pornography. ICE HSI encourages the public to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2-ICE.

MCMURRAY is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tamara B. Thomson, who can be reached at 448-0672. Any questions may be directed to Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney John G. Duncan in Syracuse, New York, at (315) 448-0672.

The charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.